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Interesting Facts About Hair.

Whether the hair should be cut I never could quite satisfy myself. physiological practice, I seriously doubt the propriety. Every cutting is a wounding, and there is some sort of bleeding in consequence, and waste of vital force. I think it will be found that long-lived ersons most frequently wear the hair

The cutting of the hair stimulates to The cutting of the hair stimulates to a new growth, to supply the waste. Thus the energy required to maintain the vigor of the body is drawn off to make good the wanton destruction. It is said, I know, that after the hair has grown to a certain length it losses its vitality at the extremity, and splits or "brooms up." Whether this would be the case if the hair should never be cut I would like to know. When it is cut a fluid exudes, and forms a scab or cica trix at each wounded extremity, indicat-

ng that there has been injury. Women and priests have generally worn long hair. I never could imagine why this distinction was made. The ancient priest was very often unsexed or devoted to a vow of celibacy, but I cannot surmise whicher that had any-thing to do with it. Kings were their hair long, in imitation of Samson, and the galden Sun-God Mithiay. I suspect from this that the first men shorn were slaves and laborers; that freemen wore their hair unmutilated, as the rown of a perfect manhood, and manliness. If this be correct, the new era of freedom, when it ever shall dawn,

will be characterized by men unshorn as well as women unperverted.

I wish that our science and our civilization had better devices for preserving the integrity of the hair. Baidness is a deformity, and premature whiteness a defect. If the head was in health, and the body in proper vigor, I am confident that this would not be. I am ap-To all Lands in Phillips County. prehensive that our dietetic habits occasion the blenching of the hair; the stiff, arsenic prepared hat is responsible for much of the baldness. Our hats are unhealthy, from the tricks of the hat-

ters. I suppose there are other causes, however. Heredity has its influence. Certain diseases wither the hair at its roots; others lower the vitality of the skin, and so depilate the body. I acknowledge that the shingled head disgusts me. It can not be wholesome. The most sensitive part of the head is at the back where the neck joins. That place exposed to nousnal cold or heat is lable to receive an injury that will be permanent, if not fatal, in a short pe-riod. The whole head wants protecton: and the hate affinds this has no ther protection can. Men have beards e they seed them, and it is wicked to cut them off. No growth or part of the body is superfluous, and we ought, as candidates for health and long life, to preserve ourselves from violence or mutilation. Integrity is the true manly standard.—Dr. Wilder, in Medical Jour-

-Next time you feel like telling a man just what you think of him bear in mind the fact that an average blow from a man's fist, if landed square on the forebend, will produce instant death. Pre-Proprietor, pare to dodge. Detroit Free Press.

CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

THE President has approved the act to rectify and establish the title of the United States to the site of the military post at El Paso, Texas, A VERDICT for \$25,000 has been se-

cured by James F. Malloy, of Edgefield, S. C., against the New York Herald for libel. The case would be appealed. THE Home Secretary for Ireland,

Forster, says Home Rule to Treland means absolute separation from England and great probability of a civil war in Ireland. THE United States Senate the other day confirmed the naminations of General Pope and Colonel McKenzie, to be Major-General and Brigadier-General respect-

ACCORDING to the report of the Commissioner of Railroads, at the end of June last the Union Pacific Company owed the Government \$63,620,570, and the Central Pacific was indebted to the amount of \$52,-

THE Government has brought suit at New York against Harrison Johnston, for-merly a Treasury agent, for the recovery of nearly \$2,000,000 arising from the sale of confiscated cotton, for which he had falled

THE cut of logs at the Minnesota mills the past sawing season was 296,000,000 feet of lumber, 129,000,000 of shingles, and 56, -000,000 laths, sgainst 231,000,000 feet of lumber, 87,000,000 shingles, and 49,000,000

On the New York State canals the total receipts for tolls for the season of 1882 up to December 1, were \$655,195. For the season of 1881 they were \$631,621. Last year there were 211 days of navigation. This year there were 241.

Ir was decided at a meeting of the rubber manufacturers held recently in New York City, to close all rubber boot and shoe factories in the country for several days, after which one-half the goods formerly made would be manufactured.

In the English Cabinet recent changes have been made as follows: Lord Derby, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; Lord Hartington, Secretary of War, and Right Hon. Hugh Childers, Chancellor of the Ex-chequer, Mr. Gladstone resigning the latter

RECENT advices state that an Anti-Terrorist Association, the object of which is to oppose the project of the Nihillists, has een formed in St. Petersburg, and branches established at Paris, Nico, Geneva, Zurich, London, Berlin, Konlgsburg, Bucharest and Constantinople.

ADVICES from Chiapas, Mexico, stated that cholera has been raging with such vio-lence that in some places owners of and laborers on plantations had all died, and it was not possible to bury them. The bodies had been burned. Sixty deaths a day had occurred in Tondia. A terrible panic ensued.

A RECENT dispatch states that Judge ted States in the prosecution of State officials for prohibiting United States Supervisors from entering the places of registration in Charleston, S. C., and undertaking to interfere in the progress of the registra-

THE managers of the recent Garfield fair erected in the rotunds of the national capitol a wall of boards to project the his- to supply matter. torical paintings. The wall turned a current of hot air on those works, partially destroying those representing the baptism of Pocahontas and the pilgrims at prayer, which cost \$10,000 cach.

In the recent official canvass of the State election made at Lunsing, Mich., the vote for Governor was declared as follows: Begole, Democrat and Greenback, 154,268; Jerome, Republican, 149,697; Sagendorph, Probibitionist, 5,854. The remainder of the State officers stand: Republican, 157,000; Fusion, 149,000.

SEAVY rains in Oregon and Washington Territories during the past few days caused great damage. The Pendleton River rose so rapidly that many inhabitants were they remained all night. Mills, houses and suspende other improvements were carried away. No £400,000.

FOR some time Fremont, O., had two murderers in the pentientlary, named Knapp and Welsh. A pardon was recently secured for the former, on the ground that he was dying of consumption, but he reached home in robust health, while the corpse of Welsh speedily followed. The question was, who made the mistake?

A RECENT Boise City dispatch says the Idaho Legislature has assembled. The Council stands six Republicans, three Mormons, two anti-Mormon Democrats and one Mormon Democrat. They had elected Col. E. A. Wall, anti-Mormon Democrat, President. House stands: Twelve Republicans, seven Mormons, five Mormon Demo-

THE following telegram has been received by Secretary Chandler from Lieut. Harber, dated Bulem, September 16. "The Jeannette men, in charge of Ensign Hunt, are proceeding to Jakutska. Schultze and I remain to complete the search of the coast yet been discovered. We will reach Irkutsk about the middle of December."

in the limits of the grant to the Burlington the burning boat communicated with buildA dissouri fiver fload and received his ings on the shore, and several were dematent. The railway had previously field at stroyed. Loss, \$120,006; insurance, about
Washington a map of the section, which the \$120,000 Supreme Court receasily held was all that was agreered to the rail of the rail

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

WILLIAM EDWARDS, a prisoner en route for the penitentiary at Moundsville, W. Va., in charge of the Sheriff of Cabell east of Zanesville, O., a few nights ago, and was killed.

Eight messengers of the American Express Company on the route from Chi-cago to Winona, Minn., bave been dis-charged for dishonesty.

A Few nights ago, a Mexican named Lena, a resident of Montes De Las Latas, N. M., while riding homeward, was stopped by a young American and shot dead. tion of Toledo, O., was desired. The highwayman rode off with the dead few days ago. Loss, \$250,000. man's horse and valuables. THE failure of W. J. Pope & Co.,

SEVEN men were killed and eleven thers were wounded by the fall of an un-

MR. GLADSTONE on the 13th celebrat-

a member of the British House of Com-A FIRE destroyed the house of Singleon James, on a plantation near Stock-oridge, Ga., a few nights ago. Thomas

POSTMASTER-GENERAL HOWE has is said made arrangements for the manufacture of two-cent stamps on an ex-

THE Western Nail Association at a ecent meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa., reported trade good and the outlook encouraging.

At the age of eighty years Henry Z. Jenkins, the oldest member of the L. O. O. F. in the West, died a few days ago at his me in Camden, Ind. He had been postmaster at Camden for seventeen years. Ir has been voted by the Old South Church in Boston to pay to the family of its deceased pastor, Dr. Jacob M. Manning,

\$3,000 per annum for six years.

WITHIN the past few days seven earthquake shocks have occurred in the province of Almeria, in Spain. Several of the most extensive co-

perative stores in Dublin, Ireland, were destroyed by a recent fire. An explosion a few days ago in a powler magazine at Guayaquil, Central Ameri-

a, killed sixty persons. Duning the past year the receipts of grain at Chicago were 25,000,000 bushels less than the year previous. At Cincinnati early 2,000,000 bushels greater. MORRIS & Co., of Briton Ierry, and

W. Morris, of Llangenech, Eng., tin-plate makers, have failed. Liabilities, £150,000 and £740,000, respectively. ROBERT L. STUART, the retired sugarefiner of New York, died a few days ago,

at the age of seventy-four years. THE paupers in the city work-house at Vienna, France, revolted a few days ago, attacked the Warden and fired the building. The military were called out to supress the revolt. Forty arrests had been made.

THE extensive depot and wharf, to ether with sixty cars and ten locomotives elonging to the Manhattan Beach Railroad npany, at Bay Ridge, near New York City, were destroyed by fire a few nights Loss, \$300,000. One man was burned to death.

A NEW paper, called The Moon, prepared entirely by the lunaties confined in the Ward's Island Asylum, New York City, has made its appearance. Dr. McDonald said there was plenty of talent in the asylum

THE Directors of the Baltimore & Ohlo Road have re-elected John W. Garrett President for the twenty-fifth consective THE death is announced of Mrs. Maria Appley, of Morristown, N. J., sged 104 years, seven months and three She was born in New York in 1778 and was one of the thirteen young girls who repre-

Washington's mock funeral procession in THE other day a sneak-thief in Cleveland, O., stole a bag containing \$10,000.

sented the thirteen original States in Gen.

worth of diamonds from a lewelry store. As a result of the recent failure of Riddulph, Wood & Jevons, of Liverpool,

THERE was recently shipped from New York fenr car-loads of sheep, said to be a present from the Marquis of Lorne to Queen A raw days ago Robert Morris, the first colored man admitted to the bar, died

THE Manitoba Penitentiary inmates, who recently made a desperate effort to esane, were sentenced to receive fifty lashes each for their attempt to secure freedom. AT Ironton, O., the residence of P.

Stafford was d estroyed by fire a few nights ago, and Mrs. Stafford perished in the JOHN REDD, at Seale, Ala., and Peter Thomas, at Mansfield, La., were hanged on

the 15th for murder. A FEW days since two letter pouches filled with matter from New York for Colorado and New Mexico were stolen and plundered near Terre Haute, Ind.

THE Commissioners of the Freedmen's Savings and Trust Company at by sleds. No trace of the Chipps party has Washington received the past year \$455,834. Another dividend would be paid, requiring \$388,527.

A rew days ago the steamer Kate A CITIZEN of Nebraska purchased Rinney, with her cargo, burned at the from the Government a section of land with- Shreveport, La., wharf. The flames from

time the grant took effect, are excluded . Jupon Gilber recently decided that from the raitroad grant; and upon the abm. the fifteen Brooklyn (N. Y.) Aldermen who domeet of such claims the lands do not are under sentence to pay fines of \$250 cach inure to the company, but are restored to and be imprisoned for terms varying from the public domain. He also decides that an ten to thirty days for dereliction of efficial erroneous one; in the Register's office, it, duties would have to undergo their runlah-ordered corrected, should not projudice the ment. In Figure 2 reside the city fathers claim of the aveilerant.

WHILE a number of persons were skating on Abbott's Dam Falls, near Philadelph-a, Pa., the other evening, the ice gave way, and Annie Casey, John Snowden, Thos.

Kindle and Violet Barker, children, were County, jumped from the train three miles drowned. Their bodies were recovered. THERE were 208 business failures in the United States during the seven days

ended on the 15th, against 190 for the previous seven days. THIRTEEN vessels and 115 men con-

nected with the Gloucester (Mass.) fisheries were lost during the past season HALL's BLOCK, one of the leading buildings in the heart of the business portion of Toledo, O., was destroyed by fire a

THE House of Representatives at Washington has given the seat in the Second Montreal lumber merchapts, for \$100,000, is District of Missouri to Dr. McLean, for the short term.

THE Stiles-Sturla murder case in

Chicago came to an end a few evenings ago. finished bridge on the Sunset Road in Texas The jury, after being out twenty-two hours. returned a verdict finding Theresa Sturla guilty of man-laughter in killing Charles ed the fiftieth anniversary of his election as Stiles, and placed her punishment at one year in the penitentiary.

Ar Utics, N. Y., the Remington

wing Machine Works were destroyed by fire the other afternoon.

By a fire which originated in Wilson's Knight and two children were burned to Hotel, three blocks in the business part of death. Knight was lying drunk in the house Hickman, Ky., were destroyed a few days ngo. Loss, \$100,000; insurance, \$42,000. THE other day the watch manufactory

> at Belfast, Ireland, was destroyed by fire. Four employes perished. FLORA, Alice and Parks Lemaine, vere killed on the railway track at Tipton Station, Pa., a few evenings ago, being run over by an engine.

FORTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

DEC. 11.-Bills were introduced in the Senate to prohibit political assessments and for increase of pensions...... In the House, a bill to stop the coinage of silver dollars was introduced. Mr. Springer offered a resolution for a Constitutional Amendment relative to the election of President and Vice-President and incembers of Congress. It fixes the terms of the President and Vice-President at six years, and makes the President ineligible to election for the next succeeding term; aboliables the Electoral College and provides for a direct vote for President. Every State shall be estitled to as many votes as it has Sentors and Representatives in Congress, and the vote of each State shall be east in proportion to the popular vote in the State for each candidate. The term of members of Congress is fixed at three years, and each session shall begin the first Wednesday in January. In counting the votes cast for President is joint convention each Senator and member shall be one vote. nate to prohibit political assessments and

DEC. 12 .- In the Senate several bills were troduced, among them one to prohibit Fedintroduced, among them one to prohibit Federal officers and employes from contributing money for political purposes. A resolution was adopted for inquiry as to legislation needed regarding Yellowstone Park. The Pendicton Civil-scrvice bill was discussed at length, and a number of amendments ordered printed.....In the House the Post-office, Military Academy and Agricultural Appropriation bills were reported from Committee of the Whole. A resolution calling for information as to the amount expended on rivers and harbors since the beginning of the Government was referred. nt was referred.

DEC. 13.—Consideration of the Pendleton Civil-Service bill was resumed in the Senate, and numerous amendments were offered ... n the House, the Agricultural Appropriation and Military Academy bills were passed. DEC. 14.—In the Senate the Military and granted to rainconds, and the Post-office Appropriation bill was then taken up. It appropriates \$43,948,520, being \$2,722,5c1 less than the estimates, and \$435,350 fees than last year, DEC. 15.—The French Claims bill was assed by the Senate and the Pendleton Civilpassed by the Senate and the PendletonCivil-Service bill was further considered. A reso-lation was adopted, directing the Secretary of the Interior to senuro the Senate any infor-mation in relation to any dispute between the Glerokee Indians and the United States....In the House consideration of the Post-office bill was resumed, and the proposed reduction of letter postage was discussed.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

In the United States Senate on the 16th consideration of the Civil-service bill was resumed. The House resumed consideration of the Post-Office bill, and the clause in relation to the reduction of letter postage was adopted.

THE changes in the British Cabinet are now completed, the following named ministers having taken the oath before the Queen in council a few days ago: Lord Derby, Secretary of State for the Colonies; Lord Kimberly, Secretary of State for Inforced to take refuge in the trees, where they remained all night. Mills, houses and suspended, with aggregated liabilities of for War; Right Hon. Hugh C. Childers, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

> THE British bark Languige Hall struck on the Turkar Rock, off the coast of Wexford, Eng., recently. Twenty-four of the crew were drowned and only two saved. The British ship Glad Tidings, Calcutta to Falmouth, went ashore at Frawie Point. She caught fire afterward and was totally

destrayed. Two drowned. THE old State Capitol building at Lansing, Mich., was completely destroyed by fire a few afternoons ago. It was a large frame structure, two stories, with attic, and was built in 1847.

THE other morning a pouch at the Post-office at Detroit, containing mail matter for the East suddenly burst into flames from spontaneous combustion and was de-

By the blowing out of the crown-sheet of an eagine on the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad recently two men were scalded to death and another was not ex-JOHN SCHPENGLER killed his wife and

then put a pistol to his own temple and

blew out his brains at Baltimore, Md., a few days ago, making the eighth suicide in that city within ten days. DENNIS SULLIVAN and John Leary vere fatally injured, Edward Gilroy had a thigh fractured, Conductor Monahan re-Italian was dangerously injured by a collis-ion on the New York & New England

A CASE believed to be genuine leprosy developed in the Alms-house at Salem. Mass., a few days ago. Charles Derby the victim had receptly arrived from San Francisco. He was for some years chief botanist at Honolulu to Queen Emma.

Railroad near Waterbury, Conn., the other

of the Camden, Pa., Transfer company the other day. HAMPTON COURT, a palsee fifteen miles from London, Eag., took fire the other morning. Two rooms above the ple-ture gallery were burned, the damage by fire and water being £30,000.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

Post-office Changes.

The following postmasters have recently been commissioned: Mrs. Clara L. Nichols, Fort Leavenworth, Leavenworth County; John L. Browne, Wamego, Pottawatamic County; John L. Harris, Pleasanton, Linn County; James Pollock, Air, Lyon County; Joseph E. Kirk, Bigelow, Marshall County; Patrick H. Conarthy, County; John L. Browne, Wamego, Potta-watamie County; John L. Harris, Pleasanton, Linn County; James Pollock, Air, Lyon County; Joseph E. Kirk, Bigelow, Marshall County; Patrick H. Conarthy, Cactus; d. L. Pease, Clayton, Norton County; N. L. Wiggins, Grand Summit, Cowley County; Oscar S. Long, Highland, Doniphan County; John W. Coles, Wild Horse, Graham County. A new post-office has been established at Calberine, Ellis County, with Jacob Schmidt as postmaster. wood, Alexander D. Murray, postmaster.

Miscellaneous Items. The Register and Receiver of the received an order issued by the Commis-sioner of the General Land Office, suspending all cash entries made by single men on the Osage Indian lands in Kansas, since June 23, 1881, where the lands lie in the countles of Summer, Harper and Comanche. This order is the result of land frauds and fraudulent entries of startling magnitude in of stockmen, for range purposes. Small-pox at Great Bend.

The Edwards County Bank, at Kingsey, was entered the other evening while the Cashier was at supper, the vault opened by working the combination, and robbed of \$12,000. John W. Crawford, the Treasurer of Edwards County, was suspected as one of the robbers and had turaed over the

July 31st, 1831, by District Treasurers, to be \$2,296,450.59. The reported balance on hand fuly 31st for the same year is \$1,877,929.34. The total amount paid out by these officers during 1881 was \$342,164.01. The reports for the year 1882, made by the same Treasurers, show a balance of only \$306,419.26, a discrepancy of \$36,000. At a meeting of the executive com-

awa, June 20, and continue until July 6. The large tabernacle for the meeting is now process of erection. The bonded debt of Osborne County

Michael Sullivan, while employed rently in section work on the Missouri Paeific Road at Atchison, had his knee crushed and broken by a bar of iron, which the men were handling, falling on him. His injuries were severe, and would probably result fa-

It seems that the Indian authorities are causing the cattle men along the Chero-kee strip some trouble, and recently a party of stock dealers from the south of Sumner County were on their way to Tahlequah to try to adjust matters. The party owns in round umbers 300,000 head of cattl The farmers of Douglas County have

organized an insurance company for the purpose of insuring farmers against loss by Edward Terry, a cattle dealer, claimed

to have been robbed recently of \$600 while James Nicholas, while at work the ther day upon a new house at Muscotah, all from a scaffold and received probably

The Methodists have dedicated at

Sycamore Valley, Montgomery County, the handsomest country church in that part of Last year the Lawrence Canning Company produced about 200,000 cans of vegetables, fruit, etc.; this year it is said they have put up nearly 600,007 cans of ap-

ples, corn and tomatoes, and next year they expect to more than double their business of the past season. In the District Court at Emporia a ew days ago Mrs. Isabella Martin was to have been sentenced for the murder of Mrs. Kleger, in May last, but her counsel preented an affidavit from her attending physician to the effect that she is insane, and has been ever since the close of the trial, early in November. Judge Graves appointed a board of examining physicians and

The value of church property in the State has increased twenty-five per cent. in two years. E. Sims raised 500 bushels of corn the past season on six and a half acres, on Amos

structed them to report upon the ease.

Rupert's farm, near LaClede, Pottawatomie It is claimed that the irrigation ditches at Garden City and elsewhere draw off so much water from the Arkansas River that the water powers below are seriously injured. The farmers along the river also complain that the scarcity of water in the

will go into the courts. The Edwards County Bank, at Kingsey, was entered the other evening while the Cashier was at supper, the vault opened by working the combination, and robbed of \$12,000. Parties were suspected, and it was thought the money would be recovered

river is affecting their crops. The matter

oon. Great excitement prevailed. Kansas straw is coming to have a market value since the introduction of so many cattle and sheep.

A gang of burglars the other day forced open a tool chest of the Rock Island section hands in East Atchison, and with the tools obtained drilled a hole in the safe ceived concussions on the head and an in Granville Morrow's general store. charge was so great that the explosion wrecked everything in the building. plunder taken amounted to \$100. Anthony wants a railroad.

John Brancombe, a farmer who lives

west of Lawrence, met with a serious acci-dent the other day. While cleaning out a well the sides caved in, covering him with ten feet of earth. Fortunately the accident was seen by a man, who immediately got THE epizootic broke out in the stables belp and dug him out. When extricated, it was found that his leg and three ribs were broken. It is said that the Regents of the University at Lawrence Intend trying to secure

an appropriation from the coming Legisla-

ture for the erection of a sultable observatory

near the university building,

U. S. Railroad Commissioner's Report. WASHINGTON, December 10.

cidedly healthy improvement in construction, operation and business is manifested. Steel rails are substituted for from as rapidly as practicable, more ties to the mile and of superior quality, better fasten me and good ballast being used. Bridges and buildings are not only being repaired and renewed, but gen-erally improved or replaced with better ones, Embankments and cuts are being widehed, The post-office at Tucket, Norton County, has been discontinued. Name and site improvements made as far as practicable, obanged—Ortole, Smith County, to Sher-The test locomotives are used and improved pussenger and freight ears purchased or built. The unprecedent construction of railroads the present year deserves very thoughtful consideration. The Pacific companies are rapidly extending their lines to secure the Juited States Land Office at Wichita have trade in rapidly-developing sections, or make through connections with important distribut-ing points, which will ultimately be of great value to the main lines. The money applicable to the "repayment of interest," five per cent. of the net earnings, and sinking fund and its requirements, derived from transportation re-celpts, will be \$16,804,044. The total cash pay-ments to December 51, 1881, required from the companies, in addition to the retention of the connection with these lands, perpetrated by entire compensation for services, are: Cen-cowboys pre-empting lands in the interest trail Pacific, \$1,283,664; Central Branch Union Pacific, \$1,953; Union Pacific, \$901,877; total, \$2,185,454. The total indebtedness of the several subsidized Pacific railroads to the several subsidized Pacific raliroads to the United States June 30, 1822, was: Union Pacific, principal, \$33,839,512; accrued interest, \$30,680,983; total, \$63,620,510; Central Pacific, principal, \$27,855,680; accrued interest, \$42,285,132; total, \$52,140,518; Sioux City & Pacific, principal, \$1,632,320; accrued interest, \$1,415,447; total, \$3,013,767; Central Branch Union Pacific, principal, \$1,600,000; accrued interest, \$1,501,803,26; total, \$3,101,803,26. Transportation services performed and money and into the Transport The tables of receipts and expenditures now complete in State Superintendent Speer's department show the total amount received and handled during the year ended July 31st. 1881, by District Treasurers, to be but not due until maturity: Principal, 1806, 1898, \$103,314,780. The sinking-fund accounts

amount, June 30, to \$2,718,221. The Commisoner says:
"This fund has evidently not accomplish "This rund has evidently not accomplished the result anticipated, and since April, 1881, may be regarded as having practically failed for want of suitable investment. In view of the low rate of interest returned from the investments made by the Secretary of the Treasury, I deem it my duty to recommend Treasury, I deem it my duty to recommend that Sec. 3, act of May 7, 1873, be amended so as to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to invest the sinking funds in first-mortgage bonds of the companies, or such bonds as have been issued to them by the United States, or in other good and sufficient secur ties, and convert the bonds now held by the United States in said sinking funds into meeor at market rates, and invest the same in like securities. As many doubts have been expressed as to the ability of the companies to me-t their indebtedness at maturity, and as to the efficiency of the provisions for the sinking fund, I deem it proper to suggest whother it may not be profitable and highly desirable, with the consent of the companies, to change the form of their indebtedness from a running book account into settlement and setual delivery of interest-bearing bonds for the amount found to be due on a convenient day, any July 1, 1883, at which time one-half of the interest will have been paid by the United States; let the asceriained amount be divided into, say, one hundred semi-annual installments, each to be represented by a redemption bond, one payable each six months, with interest upon the whole unpaid remainder of the debt, the lion to remain as it is." nittee of the Inter-State Sunday-school Asembly for Missouri and Kansas it was deided to open the annual assembly at O:-

ments, each to be represented by a redemption bond, one payable each six months, with interest upon the whole unpaid remainder of the debt, the lien to remain as it is."

The report says:

"The adjustment of railroad rates is one of the most difficult and delicate questions of modein t mes, and it is specially complicated in the United States, where overy trunk lind runs through soveral States, each independent within its own jurisdiction, and jealous of all interference by the General Government. The enormous extent of this interest and the rapidity of its growth, both in interest and the rapidity of its growth, both in interest of mileage and tonningo, demands that its relation to the public shall be under some judicious legal control. Rates and discriminations are not onlinely within the arbitrary determination of the railroad compissies. They are subject to competitions which they cannot centred upon the ocean, upon the lakes and upon the rivers. The great lakes and rivers, so posulially advantageously located as to trade, with their numerous far-reaching and widely-extended navigable tributaries, carry water competition into almost every portion of the country, with the effect of sy reducing general rates that the United States enloys the cheapest railroad transportation in the world. As yet no fust basis of general application for the adjustment of rates and discriminations has been found, and it is undensable that there are hardship, neither few mor small, arising from existing discriminations, often arbitrarily imposed, which affect disastrously local trade at non-competing points. There is a growing and dismorous demand among the popele that railroad management shall be subjected to the restraints of hw; nor is railroad management adverse to reasonable control. It has become a necessity that was a frates shall be controlled in the interests of the people and the roads. Such wors' unsettle, within their operation stories of the supponent of the religious of the Supreme Court of the United States seem to

Report of the Commissioner of Pensions.

WASHINGTON, December 10.

The report of the Commissioner of Pensions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1832, is issued. Commissioner Dudley says the Bounty-Land laws should be generally remodeled and sim-plified. Congress should give thoughtful con-sideration to the entire regrading of pensions, making disability rather than rank the measure of the pension, officers and men having been drawn from and returned to the same walks of civil life. There are now 117 different grades of pensioners. It is proposed to give an officer the benefit of his actual rank, as an act officer the benefit of his actual rank, as an act of simple justice. It is recommended also, in order to piace all war claims more nearly upon the same footing, that the limitation in Sec. 4.713 be removed, so that cases barred by the three-year limitation shall have their date on the commencement at the time of fliing the application, rather than that of the filing of the last piece of evidence. Widows and invalid soldiers of the regular army and navy, whose rights accrued since June 30, 1830, should be allowed reasonable time to file their applications, and pensions should date from the comtions, and pensions should date from the comtions, and pensions should date from the commencement of the accruing of the right, instead, as now, from the date of filing the application. A yearly salary of \$5,000 is recommended for Pension Agents. Speaking of the pension population the Commissioner expresses regret that no provision was made in the tenth census for its enumeration. The best approximation that can be made shows that, of \$,053,301 soldiers who emisted during the war, pensions have been applied for by, or on account of, only twenty-six per cont. The report concindes with the gratement, from the best available information, that it appraise there is a surviving soldier population of a little ever 1,000,000, out of which class for pensions in future may be made by those who locarred pensions the disabilities.

Post-office Changes